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Dear Josh:

I was very much interested to hear that your laboratory was well into the problem of recombination in the Actinomycetes. If Dr. Bradley has any difficulty in getting his fellowship renewed then let me know for I am sure we can work things out to everyone's satisfaction.

The conditions that you listed for consultantship are quite reasonable. We, of course, would not want to interfere in any way with your making public any findings of scientific interest. Our main concern is being aware of advancing frontiers and being in a position to understand their implications and applying them where possible to our practical problems.

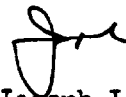
Because of the competitive nature of the fermentation industry, information obtained from us would have to be confidential unless it was of a general nature and released to you with the understanding that it can be used as you please. We would not expect that any information you pass on to us would be withheld from interested parties. If you feel that such an arrangement precludes transfer of research results until they become available through publication then, while it means a delay for us, we still would go along with it.

From your letter I would assume that under the conditions stated you could not consult on recombination analyses in Actinomycetes until you and Bradley start to publish your data. I would be willing to explore the possibility of setting up the consultantship at this time anyway, for if we can come to an understanding on basic issues then perhaps you can help us out in areas other than Actinomycete genetics. I have spoken to our Director of Research, Dr. Amel R. Menotti, about this and he suggested that arrangements be made for you to come here for a visit if you are interested in the set-up. If you care to give our research group a seminar then we will give you an honorarium of \$100 over the costs of your trip.

Let me know how you feel about this type of arrangement. If it interests you then try to pay us a visit in the near future. I think it can be both fun and profitable for both parties.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph Lein, Director
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